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The Legislature of Kentucky, last winter...

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We shall write and argue in the Examiner...

in this spirit, and temper, given, no just cause...

to a single human being, yet free, alike...

from that timidity, which would cringe before...

error, or that violence, which would battle with...

it in anger.

The necessity of such a paper as the Examiner...

is not clear enough to our friends. Because...

of other more weighty reasons.

1. Of the extent of anti-slavery sentiment...

in Kentucky.

There never was a period when our people...

did not feel it. At the formation of this...

Constitution, the Convention came within a...

vote of inserting in it a gradual emancipation...

clauses, and in 1822 public opinion was almost...

ripe for such a step. This feeling is not...

apparently, as strong now. It is still, however...

in its own nature an energetic element, and...

if all causes of restraint were removed, we believe...

it would be overwhelming in its action. Shall...

this sentiment have no organ? Is it just or...

generous to deny it the means of speech? Let...

it be heard! Let it have full freedom to speak...

out its thoughts! Let all parties, as they...

grapple with each other in many argument or...

effort, prove their loyalty to liberty by the...

largest tolerance, and thus rear up our social...

fabric on a granite foundation, colossal in stature...

and strength, and alike majestic and beautiful...

in outline.

2. The welfare of the State.

Who thinks slavery a blessing? What body...

of men in the church regard it? What number...

of citizens, out of the church, so hold? If...

slavery were unknown among us, and its introduction...

was proposed, the voice of the people would...

pour itself out, in one concentrated cry, for...

universal freedom. Those who are for...

emancipation, indeed, on any terms, believe...

that while this measure is deferred or defeated...

neither they nor their children can be truly...

blessed; that labor, the means of individual...

success or social growth, must be degraded...

and that the State must lag behind her sister...

States in permanent prosperity and power. Shall...

they not say so? May they not do so, within...

their influence, to enforce these views? Glorious...

John Milton, our revolutionary times in England...

made an address on Liberty of Speech, and...

took, for his motto, which sums up the...

whole argument, the spirited words of a bold...

Grecian poet:

"This is true liberty, when from born free...

Having to advise the public, may speak freely...

Which he will, and will, with free high praise...

Who will not, and will, with free high praise...

What can be juster in a State than this?"

The object of the Examiner will be to represent...

the anti-slavery sentiment of Kentucky, and...

as far as it can extend it to inquire into...

and discuss all reform measures—and to...

advocate, to the best of its ability, every claim...

of humanity. As its name implies, its place will...

be a wide one, and we shall aim to make it...

the aid of friends, a welcome visitor alike to the...

man of thought, and the family circle.

We have been solicited by numerous individuals...

in Virginia and North Carolina, and by a...

large circle of friends in Kentucky, to occupy...

our present post. We were known to all of them...

to have been born and brought up in South...

Carolina, and to be a slaveholder, and, therefore...

supposed to be acquainted with the prejudices...

interests and rights of slaveholders, and thus...

to be a Whig, yet no partisan, and hence not likely...

to introduce or meddle with party politics, or...

with parties of any character in the west of the...

State. We shall labor to meet their wishes and...

fulfill their expectations. Of Mr. F. Coon who...

is associated with us, we need hardly say a...

word. He treats his own soil, Louisville is his...

native home. He brings to the task he has...

undertaken a clear head, and a resolution to labor...

earnestly for the rear, lasting well-being of his...

native state and country.

We read the Examiner, with this brief outline...

of its proposed course and of our views, to its...

friends and the public. We beg no one for help...

But, as the pecuniary independence of such a...

journal is all-important, we ask those who...

support the cause, and those who are willing to...

consider it, to like the paper, and to extend...

its circulation. We ask for their earnest...

sympathy, and yet more for their cordial union...

Our friends must unite, if they would have...

their strength felt. If a single person labors...

himself, the power which consists in union, is...

wasting. A drop of rain will produce no...

moisture on the dry soil; but when it is united...

with other drops, the copious shower revives the...

dying plants and gladdens the whole face of nature...

If thus we unite, we shall make Kentucky...

the home of the free, as well as of the brave...

and awaken in our sister states of the South...

a spirit of universal emancipation.

A Table to Study.

We ask the public to look well into the table...

below. It contains matter worthy every one's...

reflection, and is especially important to legislators...

We take the table from the Frankfort Com-

monwealth. It was published therein by a con-

tributor, who evidently has conned it over thor-

oughly, and knows more on the subject than he...

has yet disclosed. Could we induce him to favor...

the public with his views? We offer him our...

columns.

We shall, some time hence, refer to the table...

in detail, and give our own views on the re-

sults it teaches. One thing is clear from it, that...

slave property is diminishing in value, and...

taking the natural increase into consideration...

in volume, also. And this diminution will...

increase, from causes, internal and external...

more rapidly in the future, than it has ever...

before.

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Of this number under 16 years...

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